

Vandals Trim Tree

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For the second straight weekend, some very unmerry vandals damaged the town's Christmas tree on Millennium Green.

Workers from the town's tree department attended to the damaged tree on Monday, discovering that electrical power cords to the tree's lights had been cut and an electrical box had also been damaged.

Department staff said that Monday's repairs were the second ones they've had to make to the tree as vandals first damaged strands of lights on the tree sometime during the weekend of December 11 and 12.

DPW employee Tom Abbott of the tree department said he noticed the tree's lights were out on Saturday and called his boss and Duxbury police after discovering the vandalism.

"It's extremely frustrating," said Abbott. "When we first put up this tree it was 46 degrees and we had the fire department use a hook and

ladder truck to help put up the lights. Now, it's 20 degrees out and we have to check every light on the tree because they've been damaged."

Abbott added that the discovery of the first act of vandalism two weeks ago also turned up an empty 30-pack of beer in a nearby trash barrel.

DPW Manager of Buildings and Grounds Peter Butkus said his crews worked outside in Monday's snowstorm to get the tree repaired and will work with police to avoid future incidents.

"It gets expensive to fix the damage, but we'll be out there and we're not going to let anyone down on the week of Christmas by not having the tree lit," he said.

Lt. Lewis Chubb of the Duxbury Police Department said that officers have been advised on their patrols of the area to be on the lookout for suspicious activity.

Anyone with information on the tree vandalism is asked to call Duxbury police at 934-5656.



Vandals cut power cords and damaged an electrical box at the town's Christmas tree on Millennium Green last weekend. It is the second such incident in the last two weekends.